



## **Minutes of the City Board Meeting January 22nd, 2025**

The Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Cool Valley was held on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 100 Signal Hill Drive. The following members of the Board of Aldermen were present:

**Mayor Jermaine Matthew-** Present  
**Board President Alvin Robinson-** Present  
**Don Johnson** –Not Present  
**Floyd Blackwell** - Present  
**Ms. Earline Jones Collins**–Present  
**City Attorney** – Mr. Brendan May  
Mr. Craig Smith

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Alderman F. Blackwell made the motion to approve the agenda, which Alderman A. Robinson seconded. The board approved the agenda for the board meeting on January 22, 2025. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins –Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson- Yes, Motion Carried.

### **Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting**

The motion for approval of the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting minutes made by Alderman F. Blackwell was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson the board approved the regular meeting minutes of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins Yes, F. Blackwell-Yes, D. Johnson- Yes, Motion Carried.

### **RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT**

Alderman F. Blackwell made the motion for approval to pay receipts and disbursements, which was seconded by Alderman D. Johnson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson- Yes, Motion Carried.

### **Police Department Report**

**Detective Beekman** reported 148 service calls, 38 summons and/or tickets, 20 reports, and 6 arrests. The Normandy Police Department along with other law enforcement agencies are seeing a trend of attempted auto thefts and larcenies from motor vehicles at service stations. We will be conducting an operation to help combat these types of crimes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Discussion of Hill Ave**

Discuss stopping the cut-through traffic near 8320 Hill Ave to 8301 Hill Ave to permanently place barriers. The board of Alderman directed the city clerk to get a cost for the project.

#### **2. Cost of City Health for 2025-2026**

The motion for approval of the recommendation for the payroll deduction of the increased health insurance cost 2025-2026 was made by Alderman F. Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman A.



Robinson the vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson-Yes, E. Jones Collins- Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

**3. Discussion of Double Fine for Speeding on Evans, Hawkesbury, and Hern**

“It is within the City of Cool Valley’s authority to establish “Travel Safe Zones” within their borders, in coordination with RSMo. Sec. 304.590. However, for such a designation to be made, the City would first need to coordinate with the Missouri Department of Transportation and conduct a traffic safety study of the area in question. Establishing a “Travel Safe Zone”, in which fines for speeding would be doubled, would be predicated on showing that the particular area is demonstratively dangerous and in need of increased enforcement or protection against speeding. If the MoDOT analysis shows an increased likelihood of accidents or danger, the city could then erect signage creating the Travel Safe Zone.”. The board of Alderman directed the city clerk to get a cost for adding Speed humps.

**4. Modification of adding to the Agenda Order of Court Retention and Destruction**

Alderman F. Blackwell made the motion to approve the modify the agenda with the court retention and destruction of court cases from 2007-2012 under the 3-year retention period. Using Pro Shred to Destroy was seconded by Alderman D. Johnson the vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson-Yes, E. Jones Collins- Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

**WARRANTS**

**1. Approval of monthly bills for payments**

The motion for approval to pay monthly city bills made by Alderman F. Blackwell was seconded by Alderman D. Johnson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

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**Adjournment**

Alderman D. Johnson motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting and Aldermen F. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was carried upon a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved:   
Jermaine Matthew, Mayor

Attest:   
Dianna Drake, City Clerk